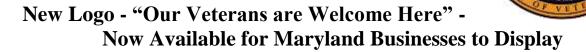
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Joint collaboration between the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and the Maryland Veterans Commission provides opportunity for Maryland businesses to show their support for military veterans.

Annapolis, MD (May 10, 2013) -

Effective today, decals are available for Maryland businesses to show their support for our military veterans. The program and logo were designed in a joint effort between the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) and the Maryland Veterans Commission. The decal can be displayed in a storefront window, or an electronic version can be placed on the company website.

Examples of how businesses might support veterans:

- they employ veterans or are seeking to employ veterans
- they offer a discount on their goods/services to veterans
- they are a veteran-owned business
- they simply would like to show their appreciation for the military service of our veterans

If your business supports veterans, and you would like a logo/decal for your storefront, or would like an electronic version for your website, please contact **Jerry Boden** at MDVA, or any member of the Governor's Maryland Veterans Commission (http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/24dva/html/dva.html).

In exchange for agreeing to display the decal, each business will be asked to fill complete an Information Card so MDVA can recognize them. The list of businesses will be posted in the Quick Links section of the MDVA website (www.mdva.state.md.us) under the heading "Veteran Friendly Businesses in Maryland."

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